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To the Reader.

WHAT Credit this straunge Report may purchase (Gentle reader) is a thing I greatly respect not, and much lesse contend for: yet, thus much let me tell thee, it had th'approbation of some both of good iudgment, and staide discretion, and of such Place and Condition, as may superseede all suspition of vaine or idle impositions. And for my part, this I dare assure thee, it agreeth in all poyntes, with the High Dutch Coppie, whence it was translated: first printed at VIENNA in *Austria*, which for my better satisfaction I caused to bee brought vnto mee, and diligently conferd them togither, before reloued Opinion, being no lesse scrupulous then any to giue furtherance to any matter, either of false or friuolous import, a thing neyther suting the place of these tymes, not sorting mine owne condition. Now for my opinion herein; The playnesse of the Style wherein it is written, voide of *Ambages*, Amplifications, and all other Vaine flourishes (such as nimble wits, might very easily haue inuelled such a Subiect withall) is to me no small argument of the verity thereof. The prodigies themselues also, but as wel in matter as manner sorting the nature and disposition of these tymes, both touching their generation and forme, and apt representation of the Euents by them presignified.

But admit the verity and strangnes too (as indeed it is both strang & horrible) yet so long, hath bin the continuance of happy and acceptable times, without any great or notable

taſt of contrarietie, that wee thinke they will neuer haue end, neyther fearing chaung, nor crediting any thing that may giue occaſion of ſuch doubt: not much vnlike the Iſraelites, (God in mercy a little differing the execution of his iudgmẽts denounced by the Prophets Ieremy & Ezekiel) growing into ſo conſtant conceipt of ſetled ſecuritie, that they neyther credited viſion, nor feared the event thereof: holding for vndoubted truth, that neyther was ſuch viſions of any effect, nor any ſuch thing ſhoulde happen vnto them, or like thoſe in the Apoſtles time, who becauſe they ſaw neyther chaung, nor likelyhood of chaung of times, before or after them, could hardly entertaine the credit of ſuch things as was ſpoken touching the miſteries of mans redemption. But this is to abuſe times bountie, & the long ſuffering of the great God of heauen, who as he anſwered the one, the dayes are at hand, and the effect of euery viſion: there ſhall be no more ſuch a prouerb amongſt you, for no viſions ſhall be any more in vayne, nor diuinations miſeffectuall: Th'other. There was an age before them, for like ſinne and corruption deſtroyed and periſhed by the general deluge, ſo wil he quit our miſconſtruction of his louing kindnes & good patience with ſome ſodayne & imminent vengeance, an argumẽt whereof may be this, & many more prodigious Oſtents partly paſt and many more yet to come, & ſome now imminent. & ſurely this I dare be bold to ſay. If theſe mundane & moueable bodies be mutually impreſſiue & impreſſible, nature conſtant in her Periods, & reaſon experience & ingemẽt man, be of any power or credit, The great coniunction of y two ſuperior bodies *Saturne* and *Iupiter*, conſtipated with ſo many ſeuerall coniunctions and radiations of other planets, and in the ſame place very neare, in parle together as it were for ſome ſtrange decree of great conſequence. The Earth's and Moones late and horrible obſcurations, the frequẽt Eccliptations of the fixed bodyes, by the wandring, the fixed ſtars, I meane with the planets,

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within theſe fewe yeares more then ordinary, ſhall without doubt (ſalued diuine inhibytion) haue their effects no leſſe admirable, then the poſitiues vnuſuall. Which PEVCER with many more too long to reharſe out of continuall obſeruation and the conſent of all Authors noted to be, new Leagues, Trayterous Deſignements, Catching at Kingdomes, tranſlation of Empyre, downefall of menn in Authoritye, æmulation, Ambition, Innouatious, Factious Sects, Schiſms and much diſturbance and troubles in religion and matters of the Church, with many other thinges infallible, in ſequent ſuch orbicall poſition and Phænomenes. Examples and inſtances whereof he ſetteth downe many both out of his owne experience and hiſtories of diuers ages, wherein Miraldus alſo is ſo conſtant, that he peremtorily concludeth, *Regnorum fatales mutationes, effectus grandes, et caſus notabiles nunquam contigiſſe, quin cauſa aliqua coeleſtis, et præmonſtratio ceu de claſico illos notis ante cecinerint, et quaſi digito oſtenderint, &* MANILIVS *nunquam fulgoribus excanduit ignibus aer.*

Seing then ỳ ſo many præmõſtraciõs of fearful euent, as theſe ſtraung diſpoſitions of mundane bodies, this and many more prodigious oſtents, ſome paſt, & more to come (as I ſaid (are yet as it were before our Eies, it ſhall not bee amiſſe with the prouident & vigilant Ante, whileſt it is yet Summer & Harueſt, to prouide for the neceſſitie of Winter, leaſt, with *Salomons* idle foole, whileſt we ſleep and ſlumber, and folde our handes: yet a little, and yet a little, in the affiance of our miſconceiued ſecuritie, miſery come vpon vs, as one trauelling by the way, & neceſsitie like an armed man.

And thus commending all to thy beſt conſtruction, I reſt

From my houſe the George next *Dyers Hall* in Thames ſtreet. London February 11 1605.

Thine in all honeſt offices,
Ed. Greſham.

To the Reader.

Math. Wa 406.

STRANGE

fearful & true newes, which happened at CARLSTADT, in the kingdome of CROATIA.

DECLARING HOW THE Sunne did shine like *Blonde* nine dayes together, and how two Armies were seene in the *Ayre*, the one encountring the other.

And how also a Woman was deliuered of three prodigious sonnes, *which Prophisied many strange & fearefull* thinges, which should shortly come to passe,

All which happened the twelfth of Iune, last, 1605. which is the 2 day of the moneth, according to our computation.

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NEWES

From Carlstadt, in the Knigdome of Croatia in Germanie.

MARKE and consider well with your selues (deare Christians) both Rich & Poore) of what estate or degree soeuer you be, and take all the meanes that possible you can to amend your liues: for that the Lord aboue, with his ire threatens vs more and more, and shewes vs his most heauy Rod which he intendeth to punish vs withall, for our most foule and wicked sins which we dayly runne into more and more, but we regard it not a iot, nor any thing at all.

The Inhabitants of Carlstadt were much affrighted, and in great perplexitie, for that the Turkes vsurped and stood right ouer their Church, the same being scarce three doores about (but it plainly appeared vnto them to be the Turkes) which standing all the fore-noone was [illegible] of many people,

Oh, deare Brethren and Christians all, let vs haue [illegible] GOD hath shewed [illegible]

dayes together, as it were in red bloud, having on the one ſide Moones & Turkiſh Sebells: and on the other ſide great Ordinance.

The Citizens of Carlſtadt were mightely affrayde at the fight hereof, which hapned on a Sunday, (being the fifteenth of Iune as aforeſaid) On which day alſo, was ſeene two great Armyes of men of warre, encountring one another in the Ayre, with ſuch wonderfull noyce, that the ſame was heard vpon the Earth, as ſounding of Trumpets, and ſuch like. And had theire Enſignes and Standers with Starres and haife Moones as the Turkes do vſe.

The whole Commonaltie both great and ſmall, did wring their handes at the fight hereof, ſo did they alſo, that dwelled far of, & then plainely was ſeen a great Armie of Chriſtians in ye Ayre, ready to reſiſt the Turks.

No Emperour or King, did euer fight ſuch a battaile as there was ſeene in the Ayre: There were Spirituall men ſeene in the Chriſtian Armie, and many ſlaine of the Turkes and Infidels.

There a man might haue ſeene ſuch running & Ryding of the Turkes, that the people were al aſtoniſhed, for all the Turkiſh horſes did run vp to the knees in the Chriſtians bloud.

But beholde the wonderfull workes of Almighty God, for when the battaile began, (which was from the Euening, till three of the Cloche in the Morning) and then the Moone did loſe her light, and the horſemen vaniſhed quite away. But yeat marke what happened more:

A Woman was heard in the ſame Citty to trauell in paynes of bearing of chyldren, foure dayes together: And

then a ſtrange thing was ſeene in the Ayre, for ſhe was delivered of three Sonnes, as in the Picture is to bee ſeene.

The firſt of theſe Prodigious Children had foure heads, which ſpake and vttred ſtrange things. The ſecond Child was black like a Moze, & the third Child like vnto Death.

The Child with foure heads, began to crye a loud, and many women ranne to heare it. one of the heads ſaid with high voice: There ſhall ſhortly many Hungarians be ſlayne by the Turkes.

The ſecond head ſaid: All the wonders of the Turks which you haue ſeene in the Ayre; Shall all come too paſſe.

The Turk with many Tartars, ſhall overcome all Hungarie, euen to Auſtria, and Morauia.

The third head ſaid. The Emperour, Kings Earles and Lords, ſhall then ariſe, and ſhall put the Turke to flight. The fourth head ſaid, before that come to paſſe, ſtrange wonders ſhall appeare.

The black Child began to cry a loud, a time of dearth is at hand, both here and in other places, which ſhall not eſcape you, men ſhall periſh for hunger, and great want ſhall be of corne and graine.

The third Child began to crye, repent and amend your liues, before death do catch hold on you, this Chyld was like vnto Death to ſee to, and ſaid for certaine great death and mortality ſhall come ouer poore and Rich.

Come hither both young and olde, ſayd the black child, remember theſe words here ſpoken and conceale them not, many great wonders ſhall be ſeene, before

one thousand & ten be written: Shall all come to passe.

These three Children, hauing spoken these things, died anon after. Euery man wondred, and the people were altogether astonished, and mooued to the hart, with the strangenes of this Prophecy.

Let vs pray to God for grace, and call vpon his holy name, both early and late, that we abstaine from sinne, and amend our liues, for the day of the Lord is at hand.

FINIS.